

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Marek Bennett**

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Contact: Marek Bennett
Arts Discipline: Comics, Music

Program Description: Singalong-Drawalong Jamboree

Marek presents his unique mixture of comics and singalong musical storytelling, where songs come to life on the wall, in our song circle, and in our voices alike. Audience members play active roles in each song, becoming trees, animals, people, water, and other elements of a living environment through musical games, dances, and rounds. Volunteers collaborate on an overhead projector to create original artwork to illustrate our songs and stories, and Marek shares some of the woodland comics and songs he's collected (and created) as the official cartoonist of NH's Weeks Act Centennial.

Length of Program: one hour

Program suited for: ages 7-12

Program can be performed: either inside or outside

Fee: \$300 **Fee for both Music & Comics performance + Comics Workshop:** \$400

Mileage Charge: 40-50 cents/mile

Performance Space Requirements: Blank copier paper, projection screen or blank wall, digital projector, easel w/ display paper, chairs for audience (with circle area in center).

Workshop Description: Comics Workshop

Come explore the infinite world of graphical storytelling with cartoonist Marek Bennett! Activities include:

- learn simple ways to create exciting, expressive characters
- learn artistic techniques to “catch your reader's eye”
- draw clear, dynamic comics that hold your readers' attention.
- practice getting feedback from readers, as well as revising and organizing our creative projects
- Marek shows how to self-publish our stories as mini-comics

Each participant creates an original cast of characters with one or more completed pages of an original comic. (Depending on the group and schedule, we may be able to create a mini-comics anthology containing artwork from the whole class, and publish a copy for each participant to take home.) We all leave this workshop ready to finish issue #1 of our new comic book... (and then #2, #3, and more!)

Length of Program: 3-6 hours

Program suited for: ages 7-12 OR 11-16

Program can be performed: either inside or outside

Fee: \$300

Mileage Charge: 40-50 cents/mile

Performance Space Requirements: Tables, chairs, blank copier paper, access to photocopy machine, projection screen or blank wall, digital projector.

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Peter Boie**

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Contact: Peter Boie
Arts Discipline: Magic

Program Description: Peter started learning magic at the age of 11 from a magic book he checked out of his local library. That interest turned into a career as a professional magician that has taken him around the country. He tells that story at every library he performs for, the story of how local library empowered him to “Dream Big” and learn his passion through reading.

The show is for everyone from 4 to 104 years old and is a true family show. From kids to teens, parents and grandparents, everyone will enjoy the show. The show is magical, funny, and very interactive getting all ages to become a part of the show on stage with Peter. He also comes fully equipped with a sound system so there are no technical hassles for the libraries.

Length of Program: 50 minutes

Program suited for: ages 3 and up

Program can be performed: either inside or outside

Fee: \$475

Mileage Charge: if over 100 miles, 45 cents/mile

Performance Space Requirements: Open space.

Workshop Description: In the workshop, Peter teaches simple magic tricks to help increase confidence and improve communication skills in this hour-long hands-on workshop...plus it's just fun to fool your friends and family with your newfound magical knowledge. The workshop can be customized for any age group 7 years old and up, for up to 25 people.

Length of Workshop: one hour

Workshop suited for: ages 7 and up

Maximum number of participants: up to 25

Performance and Workshop Fee: \$675

Workshop Space Requirements: Tables and chairs.

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Simon Brooks**

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Contact: Simon Brooks
Arts Discipline: Storytelling

Program Description: Dream a little dream? No, dream a Big Dream. Dream of adventures, dream of stars, see that you can be whoever you want to be and that your dreams can lead you there. When we fall into sleep our dreams can take us anywhere, and folk tales have been part of those dreams with their motifs and stories of success. Some of the downtrodden characters make something of themselves and become successful. We ourselves are chased by dragons, but stories tell us to confront and overcome these fears, even the stars themselves tell us ways we can make it in life. Award-winning British storyteller Simon Brooks, with bodhrán, sound effects, and many, many character voices will engross the most jaded of children, whilst entertaining their caregivers at the same time. Stories from times long ago will excite and thrill listeners of all ages as Simon weaves his magic and draws his audience into the big dream of places and times of wonder. Stories will include brand new tales and some favorites for the “Dream Big—Read” summer reading program.

Length of Program: 40-60 minutes

Program suited for: ages 5 and up

Program can be performed: either inside or outside

Fee: \$225

Mileage Charge: federal rate

Performance Space Requirements: Power for PA, especially if outdoors.

Workshop Description: Using interactive, hands-on techniques, Simon will lead children (8 and up) through a series of activities so that they will be able to tell their own tales with eagerness and gusto, having a blast whilst they learn.

Length of Workshop: 90 minutes

Workshop suited for: ages 8 and up – not suitable for kids younger

Maximum number of participants: Ten

Performance and Workshop Fee: \$425

Workshop Space Requirements: Room to move around in

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Hampstead Stage Company**

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Arts Discipline: Theatre

Program Description:

THE WIZARD OF OZ—Join Dorothy in this classic adaptation of L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy Gale thinks she is lost forever when a terrifying tornado crashes through Kansas and whisks her far away to the magical Land of Oz. She must follow the yellow brick road to Emerald City and find the wonderfully mysterious Wizard of Oz. With her companions the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion whom she meets on the way, Dorothy embarks on a strange and enchanting adventure to find her way back home. Through this play, we hope to instill a sense of teamwork and confidence.

PINOCCHIO—Carlo Collodi's *Pinocchio* is the timeless tale of an Italian woodcarver, Geppetto, who carves a son out of a block of pine. Join the wooden marionette on his journey to become a real boy! Through Pinocchio's mischievous adventures, he discovers that to truly be human is to be good-hearted and brave. This is a story of self-discovery, transformation, and redemption. Through this play, we hope to teach the importance of honesty, education, and gratitude.

Length of Program: 45-60 minutes with Q & A

Program suited for: all

Program can be performed: inside

Fee: \$375

Mileage Charge: none

Performance Space Requirements: We are very flexible and can perform in any space. We just need three chairs for volunteer actors to sit in while backstage.

Workshop Description: We have several workshops to choose from: *The Art of Storytelling*, *Auditioning 101*, *Animal Physicality*, *Creating a Character*, *Improvisation*, and *Stage Combat*. For detailed descriptions, please go to our website and click on Workshops!

Length of Workshop: 45 minutes

Workshop suited for: Catered for all ages

Maximum number of participants: maximum of 30 students

Performance and Workshop Fee: \$425

Workshop Space Requirements: We can teach in any space provided!

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Lindsay and her Puppet Pals**

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Contact: Lindsay Bezich
Arts Discipline: Puppetry

Program Description: The performance consists of a mix of several short stories 5-12 minutes long, involving one or two life-sized puppets at a time, each with a unique personality and wacky voice. Lindsay does original skits and adapted versions of familiar tales, incorporating as much humor as possible. The performance involves lots of audience participation—either as a group (singing, dancing, shouting out) or from individual kids who are called upon to share an idea or to come up front with a prop or to play a role.

One piece will incorporate the “Dream Big—Read” theme by playing on the idea that with imagination (and some literary inspiration) a classic cardboard box can be transformed into anything. Lindsay and her puppet companion will engage in all sets of shenanigans as they venture into their castle/boat/spaceship. The line between make believe and reality will blur as some uncanny occurrences hint that perhaps those magic words the kids invented at the outset are more effective than they had anticipated.

Length of Program: one hour

Program suited for: ages 3 - 8

Program can be performed: either inside or outside

Fee: \$245

Mileage Charge: No cost for libraries under 60 miles from Portsmouth, NH. Additional mileage is \$.50/mile.

Performance Space Requirements: Floor space at least 5 feet deep by 10 feet wide.

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Norman Ng**

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Arts Discipline: Magic

Program Description: The Norman Magic show features original music, audience participation, and hilarious comedic situations that are unique to The Norman Magic Show. Ninety per cent of Norman's show is all original, so you won't see a show like anywhere else! Norman makes bowling bowls appear; pulls endless amounts of paper from his mouth; makes dozens of coins pour out of a volunteer; and much more! During the program, Norman also tells his personal story of learning magic through books!

Length of Program: 45 minutes

Program suited for: ages 5 and up

Program can be performed: either inside or outside

Fee: \$400

Mileage Charge: federal rate

Performance Space Requirements: Open space.

Workshop Description: Norman takes the "Dream Big—Read" theme even further in his magic workshop. The workshop is based on Norman's best-selling booklet, "Magic Secrets." Norman teaches incredible yet easy-to-do magic to children between the ages of 6-15. These tricks are amazing, easy, and can be done with normal everyday objects. In addition to just teaching the "tricks," Norman teaches the children the science behind why the magic works.

Length of Workshop: 45 minutes

Workshop suited for: Ages 6-15

Maximum number of participants: 30

Performance and Workshop Fee: \$750

Workshop Space Requirements: Tables.

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Judy Pancoast**

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Contact: Judy Pancoast
Arts Discipline: Music

Program Description: Grammy Award-nominated Judy Pancoast will take children through her journey from the time she was six years old, when she first heard on the radio that the Beatles wrote their own songs and she wondered, “How does someone write a song? Does she just pick it out of the air?” Judy will talk about how she would go to the library and check out books about songwriting and the music business and biographies of singers she admired. She will speak about her challenges as an overweight child in a small town; how she was bullied and made fun of because of her dreams. She will tell about how she made tapes of her songs and sent them to record companies, and how she signed her first professional songwriting contract at the age of 15. She will talk about how, by the time she graduated from high school, she had written the class song and had many friends because of her music and her efforts to make her dreams come true. Lastly, she will share how her dream has taken her to nearly every state in the U.S. and to foreign countries, and how she came to perform for a U.S. President and other VIPs. In the course of the 45 minutes, she will perform many of her songs, especially those which are related to the theme like “Once Upon a Time,” which is about a princess who doesn’t want to lead “the princess life” so she decides to read every book in the library, and “A Little Bit of Elvis” about a boy who dreamed of being a famous singer.

Length of Program: 45-60 minutes

Program suited for: ages 5-12

Program can be performed: either inside or outside

Fee: \$350

Mileage Charge: 50 cents/mile

Performance Space Requirements: Electricity.

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Robert Rivest**

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Arts Discipline: Comic Mime and Theatre

Program Description:

Dream Big! is a quick moving fun-filled program that brings Robert's childhood dreams and daydreams to life. One moment he's a superhero, the next he's an explorer, then a dragon slayer, a doctor, a stuntman, a firefighter...it's one hilarious situation after another with plenty of audience participation..

The Alphabet of Imagination! is a program in which Robert joyfully leads the audience of all ages on an awesome A to Z journey. This fun, festive, high-energy show is an amazing synthesis of movement, imagery, characters and illusion. With a different mime piece for each letter of the alphabet, Robert Rivest highlights the pure joy of our limitless imaginations.

Length of Program: 45 minutes

Program suited for: ages 3 and up

Program can be performed: inside

Fee: \$350

Mileage Charge: federal rate

Performance Space Requirements: Clear space and small table.

Workshop Description: Mime, Theater and Improv Games:

This fun workshop explores mime illusions, comic characters and creative improvisation techniques.

Length of Workshop: one hour

Workshop suited for: ages preschool and up (age-appropriate versions available)

Maximum number of participants: unlimited

Performance and Workshop Fee: \$650

Workshop Space Requirements: Clear space and small table.

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Robert Rivest**

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Program Description:

Laughter Yoga combines interactive laughter exercises with deep centering breaths and calming movements. It is a complete "well-being workout" that creates a joyful connection with others and enables participants to laugh more easily at life's travails. All Laughter Yoga movements can be adapted for every BODY. Laughter Yoga connects a group with belly laughs and belly breaths and light playful movements. It can be performed gently (in a chair if needed) or standing and moving throughout the room with full energy and enthusiasm. Laughter is initially stimulated in a group with full body laughter exercises, clapping, eye contact and youthful playfulness. The "simulated" laughter soon turns into real and contagious laughter that lifts our spirits and carries over into our everyday lives. This fun, energetic, "social exercise" gives participants a feeling of warmth and openness toward the people and situations around them.

Length of Performance or Workshop: one hour

Program suited for: all ages

Program can be performed: inside (In some special circumstances outside, ask Robert)

Fee: \$350

Mileage Charge: federal rate

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**The Science Works!**

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Arts Discipline: Science Education

Program Description: The Mystery of the 100 Cabinets

A strange looking box of Inventions and Contraptions was dropped off at my Science Center with a label on the outside: "Please look after this 'Cabinet of Curiosities' for me. It is filled with the Dreams and Inventions I have been working on since I was a baby. I am leaving them with you for safe keeping. I will return for them in Seven Days, when I will be ready to share them with the world." Signed, Professor Phineas Filibuster Fogbottom.

That was 25 years ago....I never heard from him again. But I have heard lots of strange noises coming from the box, and every now and then a cloud of steam puffs out. Although I searched for years for some sign or mention of this professor, he seems to have disappeared. For 25 years I have neither looked into nor opened up the box, but I would like to do so now, with you here at the library.

Following this introduction, Steve will proceed to open each cabinet and remove, test out, and experiment with each item contained within. Each mystery will be guessed at by the audience, figured out by them, or explained by Steve through the course of the show. "Mysteries" in the box include such items as the Mysterious Bouncing Ball, the Laughing Cup, the Color-Changing Mystery, the Magical Appearing Snow, the Dancing Monkeys, the Traveling Sand-Bugs, the Anti-Gravity Spray, and more. The program will include audience participation and a lot of funny business as each mystery is revealed.

Length of Program: one hour

Program suited for: ages 3 to 10

Program can be performed: inside

Fee: \$400

Mileage Charge: No mileage fee for towns within 40 miles of Temple, NH. Mileage charge for over 40 miles is 50 cents per mile. Mileage rates can be shared for same day performances.

Performance Space Requirements: An area with space for audience to sit on floor, a table for materials and access to water before the show.

Workshop Description: The workshop is a version of the performance described above, which will be more hands-on and geared to smaller groups.

Length of Workshop: one hour

Workshop suited for: preschool through school-aged children split into age groups

Maximum number of participants: 12

Performance and Workshop Fee: \$500 plus mileage charge. Additional time billed at \$30 per half hour.

Workshop Space Requirements: Tables and chairs.

Kids, Books and the Arts 2012—**Tom Sieling**

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Program Description: Howl at the Moon with a Wild Thing Tune!

Tom performs humorous, *very* participatory (sometimes even a bit athletic!) songs for kids that engage the whole family. His 2012 program is designed with the “Dream Big-Read” summer reading theme in mind, and includes all the “funnest” kids’ songs he knows. Tom has delighted tens of thousands of families in the U.S. and beyond for over 20 years- 95 programs in 12 states during the summer of 2011. He accompanies himself on guitar, banjo, harmonica and a drum machine. Dozens of area librarian references are available upon request. Tom travels with a great sound system for use as needed- it works nicely outside, too. **He plans to be in or near NH from July 8 through Aug. 2, 2012, and can schedule programs anytime during that period.**

Length of Program: 40 - 60 minutes as requested

Program suited for: ages 3-10 and their families

Program can be performed: either inside or outside

Fee: \$275, or \$250 if block-booked

Mileage Charge: none

Performance Space Requirements: Electricity for sound system- Tom brings four 25 ft. extension cords.